

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

NEW YORK, USA

Background

The Global Initiative is an independent civil society organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with a globally dispersed Secretariat and a high-level advisory board. Its network members include prominent law enforcement, governance and development practitioners who are dedicated to seeking new and innovative strategies and responses to organized crime.

The Global Initiative was born from a series of high-level, off the record discussions between mainly (though not exclusively) law enforcement officials from both developed and developing countries in New York in 2011-12. At these meetings, the founding members of the Global Initiative, many of whom stand at the front line of the fight against organized crime, illicit trafficking and trade, concluded that the problem and its impacts are not well analysed; they are not systematically integrated into national plans or strategies; existing multilateral tools are not structured to facilitate a response and existing forms of cooperation tend to be bilateral, slow and restricted to a limited number of like-minded states.

The result was the creation of the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, which provides a platform to promote greater debate and innovative approaches, which serve as the building blocks to an inclusive global strategy against organized crime. In addition to the headquarters in Switzerland, the GI-TOC also has offices in Austria, South Africa and Cape Town.

Internship Description

The GI-TOC is looking for a full-time research and communications assistant to work with GI-TOC's Head of Multilateral Affairs, New York. The role will include research, project coordination, communications and event management, and monitoring the agenda of the UN in New York. Event and communications assistance will focus on hosting events in New York (possibly virtual) and includes responsibilities related to event planning, management and communications.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide research support and project coordination across multiple projects.
- Monitor and report on the UN agenda in New York related to organized crime via desk-based research and event attendance. This includes tracking political processes at the UN, including the Security Council, ECOSOC, Third Committee of the General Assembly on a regular basis.
- Event coordination and administration.
- Support the New York communications strategy, updating and developing GI-TOC contact list

Experience and Skills

The successful candidate must be eligible to work in the USA and is ideally based in New York or EST.

- This position is best suited for a current Masters student or recent graduate
- Strong research and writing skills
- Detail oriented and responsible
- Strong organisational skills with the ability to undertake multiple tasks and activities in parallel
- Independent, creative and highly motivated
- Excellent communication skills (written and oral), collegiality and ability to work effectively in a small team
- Fluency in English (written/oral) ; proficiency in a second language preferred
- Knowledge of the UN system preferred

Starting date: 1 July 2022

Contract duration: 6 months

Compensation: Paid Internship

Please send your application to jobs@globalinitiative.net and put *New York internship* in the subject line. Please provide a brief cover letter (max. 1 page), a detailed CV and contacts for two recommendations (professional or academic).

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted



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